

**Amendments to the specification:**

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following:

**CROSS-REFERENCE**

The invention described and claimed hereinbelow is also described in PCT/DE 2004/00222, filed October 21, 2004 and DE 103 61 851,0, filed December 30, 2003. This German Patent Application, whose subject matter is incorporated here by reference, provides the basis for a claim of priority of invention under 35 U.S.C. 119 (a)-(d).

On page 1, line 4, please amend the heading as follows:

**Prior Art Background of the Invention**

On page 1, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

The invention relates to a method for manufacturing a stator and stator manufactured according to said method, ~~as generically defined by the preambles to the independent claims.~~

On page 1, line 24, please amend the heading as follows:

**Advantages Summary of the Invention**

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 1-2 as follows:

The method according to the present invention for manufacturing a stator for an electric machine, ~~with the characteristics of the first independent claim,~~ has the advantage that because the annular lamination packet is plastically deformed in the axial direction at least in some parts of the axial end surfaces, its flexibility, particularly in the context of being screwed between two end covers, is significantly reduced, thus improving the attachment between two end covers. This significantly reduces the danger of the fasteners between the two end covers coming loose. In addition, this prevents to the greatest extent possible the electromagnetically effective inner teeth of the stator from fanning out due to clamping between the two end covers. As a result, this also reduces electromagnetic losses.

On page 2, please delete the paragraph contained in lines 8-9 in its entirety.

On page 6, line 14, please amend the heading as follows:

Brief Description of the Drawings

On page 7, please amend lines 15-19 as follows:

Fig. 13 shows a cross section through a groove of the lamination packet depicted in Fig. 12 X3.

Fig. 14

shows a cross section through a groove of the lamination packet depicted in Fig. 12 X3, after the removal of stamping burrs,

On page 7, line 27, please amend the heading as follows:

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments